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H. R. 11040

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURRAY of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

A BILL

To advance the scientific and professional research and development programs of the Departments of Defense, the Interior, and Commerce, to improve the management and administration of certain departmental activities, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That (a) subsections (a) and (b) of the first section of the
4 Act of August 1, 1947 (61 Stat. 715; Public Law 313,
5 Eightieth Congress), as amended, are amended to read as
6 follows: "(a) the Secretary of Defense is authorized to
7 establish and fix the compensation for not more than two
8 hundred and seventy-five positions in the Department of
9 Defense and not more than fifty positions in the National

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1 Security Agency, each such position being established to
2 effectuate those research and development functions, relat-
3 ing to the national defense, military and naval medicine,
4 and any and all other activities of the Department of De-
5 fense and the National Security Agency, as the case may be,
6 which require the services of specially qualified scientific or
7 professional personnel.

8 “(b) The Chairman of the National Advisory Com-
9 mittee for Aeronautics is authorized to establish and fix the
10 compensation for, in the headquarters and research stations
11 of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, not
12 to exceed sixty positions in the professional and scientific
13 service, each such position being established in order to
14 enable the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
15 to secure and retain the services of specially qualified per-
16 sonnel necessary in the discharge of the duty of the Com-
17 mittee to supervise and direct the scientific study of the
18 problems of flight with a view to their practical solution.

19 “(c) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to
20 establish and fix the compensation for not to exceed ten
21 positions of a professional or scientific nature in the Depart-
22 ment of the Interior, each such position being established
23 in order to enable the Department of the Interior to effectu-
24 ate those research and development functions and activities

1 of such Department which require the services of specially
2 qualified professional or scientific personnel.

3 “(d) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to estab-
4 lish and fix the compensation for not to exceed thirty-five
5 positions of a professional or scientific nature in the Depart-
6 ment of Commerce, each such position being established in
7 order to enable the Department of Commerce to effectuate
8 those research and development functions and activities of
9 such department which require the services of specially quali-
10 fied professional or scientific personnel.”

11 (b) Nothing contained in the amendment made to such
12 Act of August 1, 1947, by subsection (a) of this section
13 shall affect any position existing under authority of subsec-
14 tion (a) of the first section of such Act of August 1, 1947,
15 as in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such
16 amendment, the compensation attached to any such posi-
17 tion, and any incumbent thereof, his appointment thereto,
18 and his right to receive the compensation attached thereto,
19 until appropriate action is taken under authority of subsec-
20 tion (a) of such first section of such Act of August 1, 1947,
21 as contained in the amendment made by subsection (a) of
22 this section.

23 (c) Subsection (c) of the first section of such Act of
24 August 1, 1947, as amended, is hereby redesignated sub-
25 section (e) of such first section.

1 (d) Section 3 of such Act of August 1, 1947, as
2 amended, is amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 3. (a) Each officer, with respect to positions
4 established by him under this Act, shall submit to the
5 Congress, not later than February 1 of each year, a report
6 which sets forth—

7 "(1) the number of such positions so established
8 or in existence during the immediately preceding cal-
9 endar year,

10 "(2) the name, rate of compensation, and descrip-
11 tion of the qualifications of each incumbent of each
12 such position, together with the position title and a
13 statement of the functions, duties, and responsibilities
14 performed by each such incumbent, except that nothing
15 contained in this section shall require the resubmis-
16 sion of information required under this paragraph which
17 has been reported pursuant to this section and which
18 remains unchanged, and

19 "(3) such other information as he deems appro-
20 priate.

21 "(b) In any instance in which any officer so required
22 to submit such report may consider full public disclosure
23 of any or all of the above-specified items to be detrimental
24 to the national security or the public interest, such officer
25 is authorized—

1 “(1) to omit in his annual report those items with
2 respect to which full public disclosure is considered by
3 him to be detrimental to the national security or the
4 public interest,

5 “(2) to inform the Congress of such omission, and

6 “(3) at the request of any congressional commit-
7 tee to which such report is referred, to present infor-
8 mation concerning such items in executive sessions of
9 such committee.”

10 SEC. 2. Section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949,
11 as amended (69 Stat. 179; 5 U. S. C., sec. 1105), is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking out in subsection (b) of such sec-
14 tion 505 “subsections (c), (d), and (e)” and inserting
15 in lieu thereof “subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f)”
16 and

17 (2) by adding at the end of such section 505 the
18 following new subsection:

19 “(f) The Secretary of Defense is authorized, in accord-
20 ance with the standards and procedures of this Act, to place
21 a total of two hundred and eighty-five positions in the De-
22 partment of Defense in grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General
23 Schedule. Such positions shall be in addition to the number
24 of positions authorized to be placed in such grades by sub-
25 section (b).”

1 SEC. 3. (a) The United States Civil Service Commis-
2 sion, the Librarian of Congress, the Comptroller General of
3 the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of
4 Investigation of the Department of Justice, and the Secre-
5 tary of Defense, respectively, with respect to those posi-
6 tions within the purview of subsections (b), (c), (d), (e),
7 and (f), respectively, of section 505 of the Classification
8 Act of 1949, as amended, and the appropriate authority,
9 with respect to those positions under jurisdiction of such
10 authority which are allocated to or placed in grades 16,
11 17, and 18 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act
12 of 1949, as amended (including such positions so allocated
13 or placed on a temporary or present incumbency basis),
14 under any provision of law (including any reorganization
15 plan) other than the above-specified subsections, which is
16 in effect on or after the date of enactment of this subsection,
17 shall submit, so long as such provision of law or reorganiza-
18 tion plan remains in effect, to the Congress, not later than
19 February 1 of each year, a report which sets forth—

20 (1) the total number of such positions allocated
21 to or placed in all of such grades during the immediately
22 preceding calendar year, the total number of such posi-
23 tions allocated to or placed in each of such grades dur-
24 ing such immediately preceding calendar year, and the

1 total number of such positions in existence during such
2 immediately preceding calendar year and the grades to
3 or in which such total number of positions in existence
4 are allocated or placed,

5 (2) the name, rate of compensation, and descrip-
6 tion of the qualifications of each incumbent of each such
7 position, together with the position title and a state-
8 ment of the duties and responsibilities performed by
9 each such incumbent,

10 (3) the position or positions in or outside the
11 Federal Government held by each such incumbent, and
12 his rate or rates of compensation, during the five-year
13 period immediately preceding the date of appointment
14 of each such incumbent to such position, and

15 (4) such other information as the Commission, offi-
16 cer, or other appropriate authority submitting such
17 report may deem appropriate.

18 Nothing contained in this subsection shall require the re-
19 submission of any information required under paragraphs

20 (2) and (3) of this subsection which has been reported
21 pursuant to this subsection and which remains unchanged.

22 (b) In any instance in which the Commission, officer,
23 or other appropriate authority so required to submit such
24 report may consider full public disclosure of any or all of

1 the above-specified items to be detrimental to the national
2 security or the public interest, such Commission, officer, or
3 authority is authorized—

4 (1) to omit in such annual report those items with
5 respect to which full public disclosure is considered to
6 be detrimental to the national security or the public
7 interest,

8 (2) to inform the Congress of such omission, and

9 (3) at the request of any congressional committee
10 to which such report is referred, to present information
11 concerning such items in executive sessions of such
12 committee.

13 (c) Subsection (b) of section 505 of the Classification
14 Act of 1949, as amended (69 Stat. 179; 5 U. S. C., sec.
15 1105), is amended by striking out "The United States
16 Civil Service Commission shall report annually to the Con-
17 gress the total number of positions established under this
18 subsection for grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General Sched-
19 ule and the total number of positions so established for each
20 such grade."

21 SEC. 4. (a) The following provisions of law are hereby
22 repealed:

23 (1) That part of the paragraph under the heading
24 "FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM" and under the subheading
25 "SALARIES AND EXPENSES, BUREAU OF PRISONS" con-

1 tained in title II (the Department of Justice Appropriation
2 Act, 1956) of the Departments of State and Justice, the
3 Judiciary, and related agencies Appropriation Act, 1956
4 (69 Stat. 273; Public Law 133, Eighty-fourth Congress;
5 5 U. S. C., sec. 298a), which reads as follows: “: *Provided*
6 *further*, That the Attorney General hereafter is authorized,
7 without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, to place
8 three positions in grade GS-16 in the General Schedule
9 established by the Classification Act of 1949”; and

10 (2) Section 633 of the Department of Defense Appro-
11 priation Act, 1956 (69 Stat. 320; Public Law 157, Eighty-
12 fourth Congress; 5 U. S. C., sec. 171d-2) .

13 (b) Positions in grade 16, 17, or 18, as the case may
14 be, of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949,
15 as amended, immediately prior to the effective date of this
16 section, under any provision of law repealed by subsection
17 (a) of this section, shall remain, on and after such effec-
18 tive date, in their respective grades, until other action is
19 taken under the provisions of section 505 of the Classifica-
20 tion Act of 1949 as in effect on and after such effective
21 date.

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